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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to the sheet including Figures 9A-9D. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Figures 9A-9D, where the term "Prior Art" has been added to the sheet.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections in the January 11, 2006 Office Action based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks,

Pending Claims

Claims 1-12 were pending in the application prior to this amendment. Of these claims, Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims and the remaining claims, i.e., claims 2-8 and 10-12 are dependent claims. Following entry of this amendment, Claims 1-2, 4-9, and 10-11 will remain pending in the application.

Summary of Claims Rejections

Claims 1-2, 4, and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Altendorf et al. (US Patent 5,969,739) in view of Tajima et al. (US Patent 6,945,643). The Office Action noted that Claims 3, 5-7, and 11-12 contained allowable subject matter and were merely objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Summary of Amendment

Dependent Claims 3 and 12, which include the limitations "wherein said rib extends to said opening" and "wherein said plurality of ribs extends in a direction substantially parallel to a long-side direction of said opening" respectfully, have been

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cancelled. The limitations of these cancelled claims have been added to the independent Claims (Claims 1 and 9) from which the dependent claims depended.

With the addition of these limitations, Applicant believes that amended independent Claims 1 and 9 are allowable. With respect to amended independent Claim 1, none of the prior art references of record are seen to disclose a liquid discharge head cartridge comprising a rib that is extended to an opening of a liquid channel. In addition, Applicant submits that Claims 2, 4-8 are allowable at least for the reason that these claims depend from allowable base Claim 1 and recite additional features that further define the present invention.

With respect to amended independent Claim 9, none of the prior art references of record are seen to disclose a recording apparatus comprising a plurality of ribs that are extended in a direction substantially parallel to a long-side direction of an opening of a liquid channel of a liquid introducing unit. In addition, Applicant submits that Claims 10-11 are allowable at least for the reason that these claims depend from allowable base Claim 9 and recite additional features that further define the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-2, 4, and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Altendorf in view of Tajima, and indicate that these claims are allowable over the art of record.

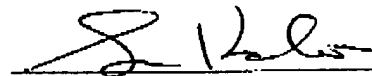
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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that based on the above amendment, each and every pending claim of the present invention meets the requirements for patentability, and respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate the allowance of such claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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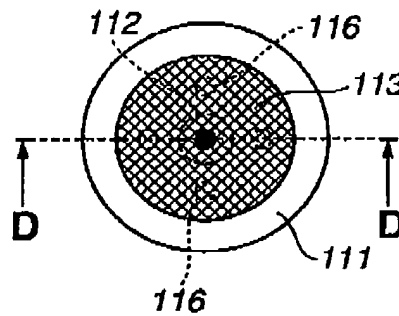
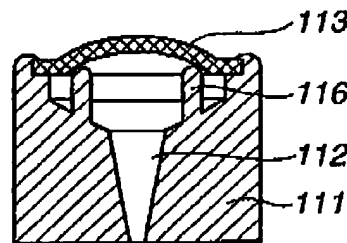
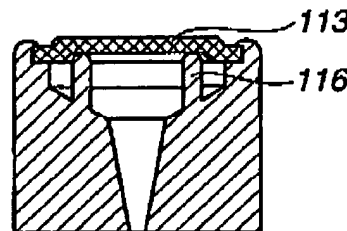
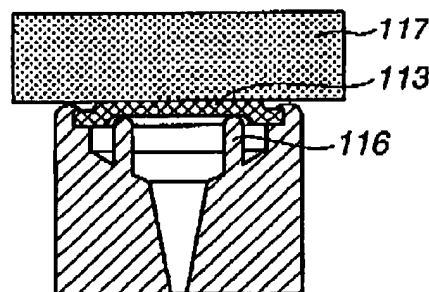
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FIG.9A**FIG.9B****FIG.9C****FIG.9D**Prior Art